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RACE WOMEN AT DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE

Guardian

Among the Democratic Women at the conference of delegates from 10 Northeastern States were, Mrs. Mabel Worthy, Mrs. Crystal Bird Fausett, Mrs. Irene O'Banyoun Robinson and Mrs. Beatrice Robinson. 9-3-38

Through the courtesy of Mrs. Elizabeth McNamara, national committeewoman for Massachusetts, Mrs. Mabel Worthy was on the exhibit committee of the two day conference of women Democrats at the Hotel Statler, August 30 and 31. Mrs. Crystal Bird Fausett of Philadelphia was present with the Pennsylvania delegation (Mrs. Fausett, a former Bostonian was in charge of the colored women voters division in the national Democratic headquarters during the 1936 campaign.)

In attendance at the Tuesday afternoon session in the Georgian Room of the Statler were Mrs. Irene O'Banyour Robinson and Miss Harriet Jackson, vice president and secretary of the Massachusetts Colored Women's Democratic Club Inc. Mrs. Worthy, president, and Mrs. Ruby Stevens Dixon attended the banquet in the ballroom Tuesday evening where 500 Democratic women from ten Northeastern States heard WPA Administrator Harry Hopkins defend the New Deal program.

This Democratic Institute discussed labor, social problems and legislation during its two day program whose keynote was: "It is not enough for the woman voter to be a good citizen, she must be an informed citizen."

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G. O. P. WOMEN TO HEAR MRS. MARY BOOZE

Mississippi Leader to Speak In Topeka at Kansas Day Dinner

TOPEKA. — The Kansas Day Club of Colored Women is in readiness for the ninth annual meeting Saturday, January 29, at the Kansas Vocational school, according to Mrs. Eleanor Alexander, president of the organization.

Mrs. Mary C. Booze of Mound Bayou, Miss., will be the guest speaker. The meeting will open at 2 o'clock in the afternoon with a program by the Grade Teachers' Study club with the following on program: Miss Maymie Williams, Mrs. Ada Eggleston, Miss Anne Sawyer, Miss Hester Hardeman, Miss Emmaline Cooper, Miss Althea McBrier and Miss Jeanette Temple.

At the banquet to be held at 6 o'clock, the Rev. John R. Guyton will give the invocation. Three-minute toasts will be given by Mrs. E. P. Robinson of Parsons, Mrs. Cyrene Gaines, Miss Geraldine McKnight, Mrs. Susie Fields of Leavenworth and Attorney R. J. Reynolds.

Musical numbers will be given by Mrs. Maymie Bolin of Emporia, Mrs. Mildred Jenkins of Topeka, Miss Ethel Love of Lawrence and Mrs. W. H. Jordan of the Kansas Vocational School.

A large number of visitors are expected from all over the state.

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League Of Women Voters Luncheon At Hotel Jefferson

One of the most delightfully informal affairs of the National Convention of the League of Women Voters which is in session this week at Hotel Jefferson, was the Inter-racial luncheon sponsored by the Housing Study Group of the Inter-racial Committee of the local League, Tuesday noon at the Bishop Tuttle Memorial.

Mrs. LaRue Brown of Boston, Mass., director and also chairman of the Child Welfare Department of the National League, was the guest speaker for the occasion, having kindly consented at the last minute to substitute for Mrs. Carter Harrison of Lawrence, Kansas, who was scheduled to speak on "The International Situation," but who, because of illness, could not be present.

Mrs. Brown concluded by commending the St. Louis League for the splendid work it is doing and congratulated the League on having as an associate group such an efficient inter-racial committee. There are few such committees throughout the nation and none in her home state.

Another prominent guest present was Miss Maud Wood Park, former president of the National League, and who planned the first Inter-racial Council at the National Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1923, which three colored delegates from St. Louis and two from Chicago attended. Other out-of-town guests were Mesdames George Hoxey, Frank P. Hixon, Munns and Fisher. Mrs. George Gelhorn of the Board of Directors, and Mrs. Jean Blythe, president of the local League, were prominent guests from the St. Louis League.

Other guests present were Misses Ernelle Bowles, Mesdames Briscoe, John Evans, G. Badeau, Wall, McKeefresch, supervisor of the PWA project; Carol Cheatham, Johnston and W. P. Curtis. Members present were Miss Beulah Harris, chairman of the Inter-racial Committee; Mesdames W. H. Hoffman, C. Tucker, E. C. Grady, Katherine Jackson, N. A. Sweets, Dorothea Jones, H. Rhett, Francis Young, Mary Ann Jones, E. Newell, O.

Morris, Harriet Williams and Nathella Bledsoe, who is chairman of the Housing Group, which sponsored the affair.

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New York.

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Mrs. Maria C. Lawton Opens Office As Chairman Of New Organization Set Up By GOP State Committee

Recognition of a life-time of service to the Republican Party then came to New York. For 26 years she was on the reportorial staffs of various Brooklyn newspapers. Gov. Martin Glynn sent her as delegate from New York to an interracial education conference in Oklahoma and to another in Missouri. She is chairman of the executive committee of the women's division of the New York State Republican Organization, 41 East 42nd street, Manhattan. The new organization will become a permanent part of the women's division of the New York State Republican Organization, headed by many years.

Miss Jane Todd. One of the first Negro women to campaign for women's suffrage, she has been active in politics in the Republican party, locally and nationally. During the campaign for Herbert Hoover for President and after that time they have gone out of existence. Now in an effort to strengthen the party, the Negro women's division of the National Republican Division of the National Republican Committee, East and travelled extensively all along the Eastern Seaboard making speeches in the interest of the party.

Interviewed on Friday in her new office, Mrs. Lawton was enthusiastic about the new setup and declared that it marked a deserved recognition by the party of the loyalty of Negro women throughout the years. In between dictation to her secretary, Mrs. Doris Cheltenham, also of Brooklyn, Mrs. Lawton took some time out to explain her program.

Already in the three weeks that the office has been opened, she has contacted the various women's clubs throughout the state and has addressed meetings in Beacon, Hudson, Newburgh, Kingston, Poughkeepsie and Amityville. Next week she will go to Saratoga with the state committee organization to open headquarters in preparation for the State convention at which the gubernatorial campaign ticket is selected by party delegates.

Former Newspaper Woman
Born in Lynchburg, Va., Mrs. Lawton studied in Lynchburg, Va., and Howard University, Washing-

treasurer; Mrs. Alice Knodes, Nyack, registrar; Mrs. Zora Neale Hurston, Jamaica, publicity.

Writes On New Setup

In the current issue of "The Woman Republican," Mrs. Lawton has written an interesting article on "The Colored Women's Organization" in which she says:

"If there is anything new under the sun it is the Negro women's discovery of herself. Discovery of her influence if properly wielded, discovery of her present-day advantages and discovery of her future possibilities.

"She has learned to her entire satisfaction that preparation and specialization are the watchwords of the age, and to that end, she has set about to meet the challenge. "If there is any one class of women more than another, who has successfully fought the battle of opposition to her progress, overcome all obstacles to her advancement, added to the sum total of progressive womanhood, it is the American Negro woman.

"In the professions, in the fine arts, as educators, as business women, in short, in whatever capacity the Negro woman has elected to serve, she is making good, holding her own. She realizes that her destiny is in her own hands, that no condition can impede her onward march if she wills to go forward.

"Her latest and most significant venture is in the political realm. She is becoming a real student of political science and to further this knowledge we are planning to hold schools of politics for her throughout the State. She is not only learning that taxation without representation is tyranny, but that she is dwarfing her own interests and those of her family when she fails to take her part as a citizen under the government of which she is a part.

"She is gradually eliminating herself from the idea that she is incapable of representing herself, in contending for her own rights, that the time is at hand for her to aspire to that recognition to which her ability entitles her.

"The Negro woman represents that class of under-privileged groups which has been handicapped by lack of opportunity, not ability, but she has not been and is not deterred by ostracism, intimidation or suppression. She will find her way out of the entanglement through perseverance, persistence and determination, which of course must depend upon

her own vision as to the role she is playing in life's drama.

"The Republican Committee of the State of New York, with Miss Jane Todd as vice-chairman, realizing the numerical strength of the Negro woman and feeling that her aspirations and ambitions are worthy of commendation and encouragement, has emphasized that confidence by establishing a permanent organization with offices in the State Republican Headquarters, 41 East 42nd street, as a part of the regular State Committee activities.

"This departure is regarded as a long stride in holding the interest of Negro Republican women. This organization, with key women representing every county in the State where there is an appreciable colored vote, will function throughout the year and will prove a wonderful boon in convincing the new voter, as well as those who have become lukewarm or have fallen by the wayside.